Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Bedford County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 7, 2010 to 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2010

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Bedford County School Board; PO Box 748, Bedford VA 24523; VA0063738

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Staunton River High School STP, No. 1 Golden Eagle Drive, Moneta, VA 24121

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bedford County School Board has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Staunton River High School STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 26,500 gallons/day into a water body. The sludge will be transported by local septic tank hauling contractor to a permitted wastewater treatment plant for further treatment and disposal. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage to an unnamed tributary to Shoulder Creek in Bedford County in the Goose Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter and solids.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office - Roanoke, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019; Phone: 540-562-6700; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 540-562-6725. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.